

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE MAYOR**

**Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2011-56**

August 25, 2011

Mr. James A. McLaughlin

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

This letter responds to your administrative appeal to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537(a)(2001) (“DC FOIA”), dated July 25, 2011 (the “Appeal”). You (“Appellant”) assert that the Department of Human Resources (“DCHR”) improperly withheld records in response to your requests for information under DC FOIA dated May 2, 2011 (the “FOIA Request”).

Appellant’s FOIA Request sought “[a]ny and all resumes and/or curricula vitae submitted by Excepted Service appointees (informally, “political appointees”) hired or appointed during the administration of Mayor Gray between January 2, 2011 and April 30, 2011.” In response, by letter dated June 8, 2011, DCHR denied the FOIA Request on the ground that disclosure of the resumes constitutes a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt under D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2). On Appeal, Appellant challenges the denial of the FOIA Request on the ground that privacy interest of the appointees is outweighed by “the public’s interest in the background and qualifications of those holding such jobs.” After reviewing the Appeal, DCHR reconsidered its position and, as set forth in emails dated August 24, 2011, has decided to release the requested records, with redactions only for addresses and similar personal identifying information.

Based on the foregoing, we will now consider the Appeal to be moot and it is hereby dismissed.

Sincerely,

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Deputy General Counsel

cc: Stephanie Ferguson, Esq.